

TOWN OF HERNDON

Enriching the Quality of Life and Promoting a Sense of Community



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MEMORIAL GARDEN CEREMONY TO HONOR HERNDON COMMUNITY LEADERS

Herndon, VA (April 17, 2007) – Billy B. Oxley, a founding member and driving force behind Herndon Community Television (HCTV). Raleigh H. Emory II, a charter member of the Herndon Optimist Club, whose passion for sports helped create the strong programs Herndon's youth enjoy today. Joseph "Hal" Landers, former president of the Herndon Chamber of Commerce, an active member of the Herndon Rotary Club and an HCTV board member. And Nelson J. Post, also active in the Chamber, serving at one point as the organization's vice president of government relations.

These community leaders will be recognized at a dedication ceremony at the Herndon Memorial Garden on **Sunday, May 6, at 2pm**. The Memorial Garden is on the lawn of the Town Hall at 730 Elden Street; a reception, to be held in the Herndon Municipal Center at 777 Lynn St., will follow the ceremony.

"The strong sense of community for which Herndon is renowned is the direct result of the selfless dedication of individuals such as the four we will be honoring on May 6th," said Vice Mayor Dennis Husch. Husch and his wife, Nancy, formerly the executive director of

HCTV, are primary sponsors of the dedication ceremony. The Town of Herndon is also sponsoring the event.

Eulogies for each of the honored community leaders will be delivered at the ceremony, and plaques commemorating their contributions to the Town of Herndon will be unveiled. The Herndon Memorial Garden was first established in 1996.

“Billy, Raleigh, Hal and Nelson each contributed his own time, energy and commitment to Herndon in ways that continue to impact our community today,” Husch continued. “Our gratitude to each of them is immeasurable, and we look forward to establishing these permanent memorials to their service.”

For more information on the May 6 ceremony or to rsvp for the event, contact the Town Clerk’s office at 703/435-6804 or via email at town.clerk@herndon-va.gov.

The Town of Herndon was incorporated by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia on January 14, 1879. Located in western Fairfax County, Herndon is the 3rd largest town in the Commonwealth and is home to more than 23,000 citizens. Businesses located within the Town of Herndon, which range from high tech enterprises to entrepreneurially-owned establishments, employ approximately 23,500 people. In 2006, Herndon was named one of the “best affordable suburbs” in the nation by *Business Week* Magazine.

For more information, visit the Town’s website at www.herndon-va.gov.

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